

1st Annual FREEDOM Scholarship Essay Contest

(Sponsored by 6th District Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs)

It is important to remember the struggle for freedom that people of African descent in America went through not only on Juneteenth Day, but every day. And in that spirit of remembrance and also celebration, 6th District Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs is sponsoring the **1st Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest**.

2008 Essay Contest Topic

Students responding to this year's writing contest should analyze the concept of "FREEDOM" and then, in a essay of 1000 words or less: *(a) analyze why it is so vital that the remembrance, history and lessons of freedom be passed to a new generation; and (b) suggest what they, as students, can do to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today.* **See contest rules below for complete details and submission requirements.**

In preparation for writing, students should research information from a variety of sources to assist them in the study of the concept of freedom. Primary and secondary source material could include: historical and reference material; interviews, oral testimonies; official documents and other primary sources; readings from diaries, letters, autobiographies and works of poetry; video or audiotapes, films, art, CD-ROM and Internet sources.

Eligibility

Eligibility requirements are:

Applicants must be:

- 2008 high school graduates
- City of Milwaukee 6th Aldermanic District residents – *see map at:*
www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6
- Accepted to and will be attending a two or four year college or university in the fall (*verification will be required*)
- Able to submit a completed application

Deadline: All completed applications must be postmarked by July 31, 2008

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Rules and Guidelines

1. Submit four copies of an original work of 1000 words or less in English on the designated topic, with title page, numbered and including sources.
2. Submit four copies of a comprehensive list of sources consulted, as well as one completed registration form signed by applicant.
3. All submissions must include a word count, excluding the list of sources and the completed registration form.
4. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman or an equivalent font with a one-inch margin on all sides of the page. Standards of content and style from MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed., will be expected for (1) documentation of sources in the text of your essay; (2) the format of the list of works cited; and (3) margins and indentation. (*If necessary*)
5. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria.
6. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded.
7. The decisions of the judges are final.
8. E-MAILED OR FAXED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!
9. Winners will be notified in August 2008.
10. Your essay will be disqualified if it does not meet the requirements or is postmarked after the submission date of **July 31, 2008**.

Getting It There

Mail four legible copies of your essay, numbered with a title page, all attached to a copy of your registration form, to:

Ms. Akuwa Dantzler
FREEDOM Scholarship Essay Contest Coordinator
PO Box 1751
Milwaukee, WI 53201

**All essays become the property of the Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest once they are submitted, and will not be returned.*

Deadline:

Your entry **MUST** be postmarked no later than **July 31, 2008**.

Thank you for your essay submission!

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Please print or type:

NAME _____
Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS _____

City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

E-MAIL _____ MOBILE NUMBER (_____) _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

COLLEGE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING _____

ESSAY WORD COUNT _____

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS CONTEST? _____

Application Checklist:

All completed applications must include the following:

Registration form

Copy of acceptance letter to a two or four year college or university

Four copies of essay on designated topic

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

I certify that this essay is my own work. I agree to abide by all guidelines and requirements of the Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest. I understand that my essay will not be returned and will become the property of the Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest to use at its discretion and that the judges' decisions are final.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____